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## Dear Colleagues:

The attached proposal from the Honors Program for a new prefix, CURO, Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities, will be an agenda item for the January 12, 2018, Full University Curriculum Committee meeting.

Sincerely,

Alison F. Alexander, Chair

University Curriculum Committee

cc:

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Dear Committee:

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The following proposes the creation of a CURO course prefix. Course prefixes are generally attached to majors within academic units. Exceptions have been made, however, to accommodate special programs. For example, the HONS prefix serves for the HONS 1000H *Introduction to Honors* seminar, which is required of all Honors students, and it is also used for research, thesis, and internship courses for Honors students. These HONS courses are distinct from courses with an "H" suffix (e.g., RELI 2001H), which denotes Honors sections of regular courses offered by academic units.

The Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities (CURO) was established in the late 1990s as a component of the Honors Program. In 2010, CURO began offering expanded eligibility to all UGA undergraduate students. While CURO is still administered by the Honors Program, approximately half of all CURO participants are now non-Honors students. Participation in CURO often involves elective or mandatory participation in seminar courses and students may seek enrollment in research credit outside their academic unit. To this point, this has been accommodated by enrolling non-Honors students in HONS courses, which is not consistent with the intent of the HONS prefix. Therefore, we propose the creation of a CURO course prefix to accommodate courses for non-Honors students who participate in CURO.

The most immediate need for the CURO prefix is the creation through CAPA of a faculty-led seminar, CURO 2000, to be required of students enrolled in a new university-wide research housing initiative, the R House, which will launch in Building 1516 in the fall of 2018. Other needs may eventuate. As with HONS courses, all CURO courses will be taught by qualified faculty members and academic units will determine, independently, whether a CURO course can be used to satisfy degree requirements.

Sincerely,

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